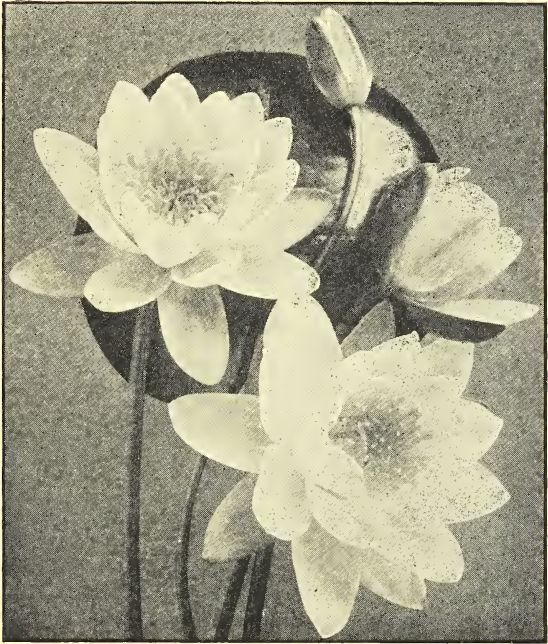


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Waterlilies

AQUATIC PLANTS
FANCY FISHES



WATER gardening, what a fascinating hobby! Picture a placid, silvery pool filled with gorgeous-hued flowers, restful in its tranquility. Enjoy the thrill of growing in your own yard the favorite flowers of the ancients—and glory in the individuality of your garden, for there is individuality in growing waterlilies with all their traditional charm. A pool of lotus flowers and lilies is certain to be a novelty, and at the same time, no gardening experience is necessary to grow them successfully.

This folder is only our get-acquainted list. We have a beautiful catalog which contains complete information about water gardening. Included are facts about fancy fishes for pools and aquariums. We shall be happy to send this catalog, or to give you detailed information about any of the items.

Independence Nurseries Co.
Independence, Ohio



IT IS EASY TO SUCCEED WITH WATERLILIES

EXPERIENCE is not necessary in the growing of waterlilies, a fact which appeals to many amateur gardeners. Success is almost sure to crown your efforts. Requirements of waterlilies are few—sunshine, soil and a pool to grow them in. Concrete pools, or even fairly good-sized tubs, will serve excellently as water-gardens. If you have a shallow, natural pond you have the very best equipment.

PONDS AND POOLS

A pond can easily be made in clay soil, or by lining with clay a hole in ordinary ground. Concrete or clay pools $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 feet deep are entirely satisfactory. A tub may be about $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in diameter, but a pool should be not less than 6 feet long and 3 feet wide.

The soil for Waterlilies is preferably a mixture of two-thirds rich garden soil and one-third well-rotted cow-manure. Blood-meal can be used in the proportion of one quart to a bushel of soil. This mixture may be spread over the bottom of the pond or may be put into holes dug where the roots are to be planted. In a concrete pool the soil should be put into boxes and set on the bottom of the pool. About 2 cubic feet of soil should be provided for each plant.

PLANTING

Set the plant so that the crown, from which the leaves grow, is just beneath the surface of the soil. Sand or gravel should be sprinkled over the soil to prevent fouling the water, and to keep fish from bothering the plants. New waterlily plants should be started in shallow water but will later thrive at any depth from 4 to 30 inches. 8 inches seems to be about the best depth. Running water is neither necessary nor desirable as it tends to keep the temperature too low.

WINTER CARE

Hardy Waterlilies may be left in natural ponds during the winter. If in a pool that must be drained, the roots may be covered with leaves or straw

for protection. If planted in a box they may be taken up in tanks or stored in cool cellars, but they should not be allowed to become dry. Tropical Lilies are difficult to winter unless kept as growing plants in the greenhouse; they are best regarded as annuals and new plants purchased each year.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

When provided with plenty of soil, the leaf-spread of a Waterlily will be 3 to 4 feet in diameter, hence a pool 10 by 15 feet should accommodate ten to fifteen Lilies. The leaf-spread of many varieties may be reduced to a degree suitable for tub culture by planting in a 6 or 8-inch pot; this dwarfs the plant so that the leaf-spread and the blooms are smaller. A little blood-meal should be added to the soil occasionally, or the plant may be repotted once or twice during the season.

Floating aquatic plants will grow without soil, but do better if the roots can reach it, particularly in the case of blooming plants. Marsh or bog plants should be potted and set so that the level of the soil is slightly above the water. Shallow water plants do well in 2 to 6 inches of water.

Oxygenating plants, such as Anacharis, Vallisneria, Myriophyllum, Sagittaria, etc., may be used to keep the water from becoming stagnant, and a few gold fish will eliminate mosquitoes.

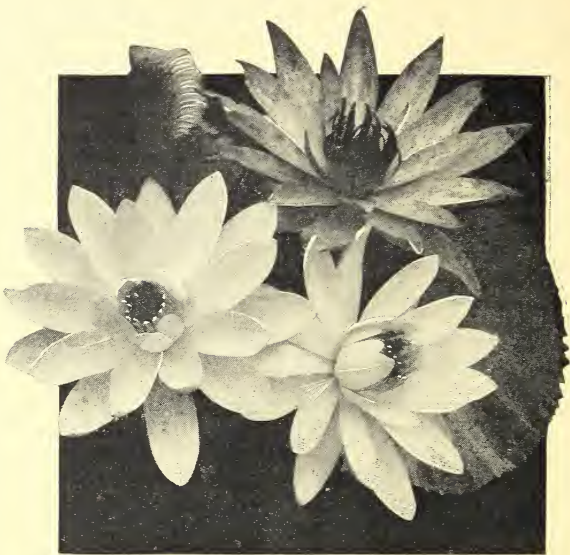
Insects that attack the foliage of Waterlilies and other aquatics may be washed off with a hose so that the fish can get them. The green scum-like growth of algae makes good food for snails, or it may be removed by hand. If the pool has an overflow this scum may be floated off. Clams will help to keep the water clear.

VISIT OUR NURSERIES

It will be our pleasure to show you through the Independence Nurseries, and we invite you to visit us at any time. Our display of Ornamental Fishes brings hundreds of visitors from miles around, and we feel it will be worth your while to call and see our 150 aquariums, devoted to many unique and beautiful varieties. The Nurseries are located eight miles from the heart of Cleveland. Anyone will be glad to direct you.



HOW TO REACH US



Night blooming Lilies have exquisite charm

TROPICAL WATERLILIES



STANDING erect on slender stems, rearing their radiant, fragrant heads a foot above their richly colored leaves, the Tropical Waterlilies are rightfully called, "The Aristocrats of the Water Garden".

Their great beauty of color is but one of the many points in favor of these floating aristocrats. Many of them possess perfumes both delicate and rich. Their season of blooming is long, also, as cold does not cause them to become dormant. Indoors, where the temperature averages 65 to 70 degrees, and in the southland, they will bloom the full year. Thus they are economical as well as beautiful.

We designate these lilies as "day blooming" and "night blooming" because of the "open hours" they keep.

NIGHT BLOOMING LILIES

The Night Blooming Lilies open their lovely faces in early evening. Instead of closing their petals at sunset as do the day blooming varieties, gorgeous pink, white and red flowers greet the eye just at twilight, and a water garden of surpassing loveliness remains all night and well into the day following or all the through the day on cloudy days.

Because of their exceptional quality and beauty, we are recommending a few outstanding varieties to your attention:

FRANK TRELEASE. Rich dark crimson flowers with mahogany colored stamens. Petals long, narrow and rounded at the ends. Mottled dark red and green shades of the young leaves merge to a rich bronze red in the matured plants. The most popular of its type. \$1.50.

JUNO (Dentata Superba). The perfected modern flower developed by cultivation from the sacred white Lotus of Egyptian tradition. A flower of great substance composed of very broad heavy petals that open widely revealing the wide flat saffron yellow stamens. Blooms easily 8 to 12 inches across. \$3.

OMARANA. The general effect is a pleasing variegated pink produced by deep shading on the outer edges of the petals that fades into a white stripe through the center line. Flowers quite large. Deserving of its popularity. \$1.50

RUBRA ROSEA. There is some question about the color of the lily corresponding to this name as the original *Nymphaea rubra* differs in various localities in India. Our strain is a good, rosy carmine and quite star-shaped due to the unusual shape of the petals which are broad at the base and taper to a long point. \$1.50

DAY BLOOMING LILIES

Lilies which bloom in the daytime, and close as the sun goes down, are of innumerable varieties and colors. Those we have listed below are only a few of the many grown in our nurseries. Selected for beauty, flower production, color range, fragrance and proven popularity. All may be dwarfed for use in tub gardens or allowed to develop magnificent blossoms in the largest pools.

PENNSYLVANIA. Deep blue flowers a foot across and produced freely. Sepals marked with purple lines and dots. Desirable in a small pool or tub. Very choice but popularly priced. \$2.50 each.

MRS. ED. WHITAKER. The largest and most striking of the day-blooming Tropical Lilies. In pools where it grows in unrestricted quarters the blooms are frequently over a foot in diameter and are produced in quantity. The color is lavender-blue, which becomes paler as the bloom ages. Extremely desirable for tubs and small pools as it will adapt itself and bloom well in small quarters. A bouquet which lasts all summer. \$3.

MRS. GEO. H. PRING. A new and novel type that produces numbers of large, fragrant, white flowers with pointed petals. It is the counterpart of the Mrs. Whitaker in pure white. Will combine with any color. \$3.50.

PANAMA PACIFIC. This is considered by many the most attractive of the Waterlilies, producing cup-shaped flowers of a deep royal purple with broadly curved petals and yellow stamens. Blooms freely and perpetually in the proper environment. No garden complete without it. \$3.

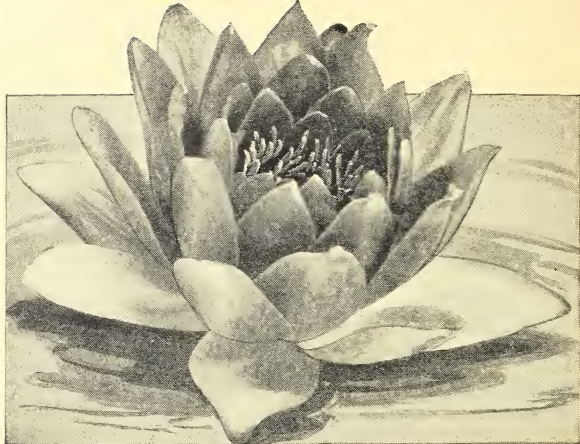
DAUBEN. Produces small blue flowers in great profusion. Fine for tub or aquarium culture. A continuous bloomer. \$1.

GRACILIS ROSEA. Free blooming rose pink. Flowers gorgeous size. \$2.

INDEPENDENCE HYBRIDS Hundreds of new plants, having flowers in all shades of blue, purple, lavender, and pink; leaves plain, mottled and beautiful. We are offering them as the Independence Hybrids, an improved strain of Tropical Waterlilies. \$15. per doz; \$9. for 6; \$5. for 3; \$2. each.

COLLECTIONS

On pages 8 and 9 are money-saving offers in collections of Waterlilies.



Gloriosa, one of the most popular lilies

HARDY WATER LILIES

YOUR pool will be beautiful with hardy water-lilies. Their colorful flowers of perfect form and exquisite fragrance, floating among the green lily pods, are a delight to behold and a joy to live with. Hardy waterlilies are at home in tubs, pools, ponds, or lakes, and they will live from year to year if the roots are protected from actual freezing. The varieties listed here are a few of the choice and beautiful ones which are sure to delight you.

CHROMATELLA. The clear, clean yellow of Chromatella makes it by far the best yellow variety grown. The broad petals are canary yellow, the stamens are of a deeper shade and altogether, this combination displayed among the leaves beautifully marbled in deep green and brown, make it a picture indeed. \$2.

GLADSTONE. The king of the whites, surpassing all other white Waterlilies in size and freedom of bloom. The flower is a pure dazzling white 6 to 8 inches across. \$1.50

GLORIOSA. A truly remarkable red, giving such universal satisfaction that we recommend it as the basis of every collection. It will thrive under extreme conditions. Is thoroughly at home in pool, lake or tub. The floating blossoms of apple blossom fragrance are often 6 to 7 inches across, perfect in form and rather double. Gloriosa is one of the best Waterlilies. Illustrated in color in our 1927 catalog. \$5. each.

MORNING GLORY. Here is a beautiful waterlily of our own introduction. The flowers were the inspiration for its name. Opening early in the morning they are of glorious size and color and exquisite fragrance. The long blooming season of Morning Glory, its flower of lasting quality when cut, and its robust growth, give this lily a full rounded, unsurpassed perfection. \$3.50.

PINK OPAL. A new variety of proven value. In color it is a deep rich pink. Flower of interesting form with comparatively short petals carried above the water. A decided ornament to any pool. Pink Opal does splendidly in tubs. \$2.

ROSE AREY. A flower of exceptional merit in every respect, attested by it being awarded a silver medal by the New York Horticultural Society. The flowers, a deep-cerise pink, sometimes reach 8 inches in diameter. The petals are pointed and have a noticeable curl that gives the effect of darker shading near the edges. A delightful surprise awaits you. \$3.

PAUL HARIOT. The blooms are quite large, of lasting quality, and are borne in abundance all season. The petals are clear yellow the first day, orange-pink the second day, and this deepens almost to a red on the following days. It is so popular we can seldom supply the demand for it. \$4.

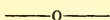
MARL. ALBIDA (White). This variety blooms continuously throughout the season. The petals are white, with yellow stamens. A really excellent lily. \$1. each.

MARY. A beautiful pink gem of the Odorata type, small in flower but very fragrant. Especially desirable for tub-culture. \$1. each.

ODORATA GIGANTEA. Well known in southeastern United States where it grows naturally in ponds. Flowers are pure white, quite large in size—generally 5 to 7 inches across. Produces blooms very freely. \$1.50 for 3; \$5.00 per doz.; \$35. per 100.

TUBEROSA CARNEA. Fragrant flowers of light flesh-pink and moderate leaf-growth. Adapted to tub-culture or naturalizing in ponds. \$1. each; \$2. for 3; \$7.50 per dozen.

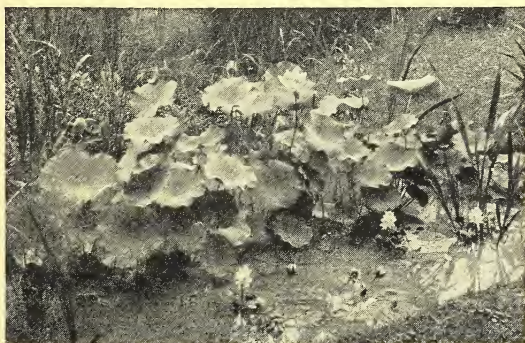
AN EGYPTIAN WATER GARDEN



THE LOTUS FLOWER. Famed in song and story, will transform your garden into an Egyptian paradise, breathing mystery and romance.

AMERICAN LOTUS. (Nelumbium Lutea) (Yellow). Sometimes called the "Water Chinquapin". The rich yellow flowers frequently attain a diameter of 8 to 10 inches. Tubers \$2. Potted plants \$3. Five for the price of two.

EGYPTIAN LOTUS. (Nelumbium Speciosum) (Pink). An excellent variety, vary hardy and free growing. The blossoms are rose color, and possess a haunting fragrance. The sacred flower of the ancient Egyptians. Tubers, \$2. Potted plants \$3. Three for the price of two.







COLLECTIONS OF WATER PLANTS

The Convenient and Economical Way to Buy



The Rainbow Collection

(Order Collection No. 6.)

We know you will be pleased with this quintette of choice lilies, representative of the different color types and exceptionally free blooming.

MORNING GLORY. Delicate shell-pink, and exquisite shade.

GLORIOSA. Large, dark red.

PAUL HARIOT. The Chameleon orange-pink Waterlily.

CHROMATELLA. Deep yellow.

PENNSYLVANIA. Deep blue flowers measuring a foot across.

This is a good value at the catalog price, which is \$16.00.

Our collection **\$12.00**

Quality Trio

(Order Collection No. 7.)

It would be difficult to find a finer group of three hardy lilies than those listed below.

JAMES BRYDON. A unique cup-shaped red bloom.

ROSE AREY. A deep pink of delightful fragrance.

GLADSTONE. A large pure white.

These exceptionally hardy types grouped in a collection (valued at \$7.50) Collection **\$ 6.00**

The Marliac Collection

(Order Collection No. 8.)

Three Marliac varieties in white, yellow and pink. These are hardy plants similar in habit, and of pleasing variety in color. **\$ 3.00**

The Independence Trio

(Order Collection No. 12.)

Blossoms for every hour of the day. This attractive collection includes the following:

RUBRA ROSEA. Deep red; night-blooming.

JUNO. An Egyptian white; night-blooming.

PANAMA PACIFIC. Deep purple; day-blooming.

This collection, one of the most popular, is valued at \$7.50. Collection **\$ 5.00**

The Pajama Trio

(Order Collection No. 15.)

A pair and a half of the best Night Bloomers, in red, white, and pink, for **\$ 3.00**

1927 Special

(Order Collection No. 14.)

Our offer of new vigorous tropical lilies each year enables you to meet and know new friends. This is our 1927 suggestion.

INDEPENDENCE BLUE. Deep blue.

ZANZIBAR ROSEA. Rose pink.

EGYPTIAN DENTATA. Free-blooming white.

DAUBEN. Light blue.

FRANK TRELEASE. Rich crimson.

Five of the finest Tropical Nymphaeas, (value \$7.50) **\$ 5.00**

Collections of Aquatics

(Order Collection No. 19.)

No. 1. Includes 20 Aquatic plants in 10 or more varieties, suitable for a small pool containing three lilies.

4 Shallow water plants for centerpiece, 12 Plants for corners or sides of pool, 2 Oxygenating or submerged plants, 2 Floating plants. 20 plants **\$ 3.00**

(Order Collection No. 20.)

No. 2. Includes 35 Aquatics in 16 or more varieties suitable for a medium sized pool with five or more lilies.

9 Shallow water or Bog plants for centerpiece, 16 Corner or side plants, 5 Oxygenating or submerged plants, **\$ 5.00**

Egyptian Water Garden

(Order Collection No. 5.)

Three classic flowers that flourished in the valley of the Nile and graced the pools of the Pharaohs in a setting of appropriate aquatic plants.

BLUE LOTUS OF THE NILE (*Nymphaea Caerulea*). A fragrant blue waterlily.

EGYPTIAN WHITE LOTUS (*Nymphaea Dentata*). A large white waterlily.

SACRED LOTUS OF THE NILE (*Nelumbium Speciosum*). The pink Egyptian Lotus.

1 Papyrus, 1 Yellow Plantain, 2 Pickerel Rush, 2 Giant Arrowhead, 1 Shell flower, 3 Anacharis, 2 Water poppy.

Two lilies, a lotus and twelve aquatics, ideal for a six-foot pool (Value \$7.50) collection **\$ 5.00**

Combination Fish and Scavenger Collection

(Order Collection No. 21.)

12 Common Goldfish, 2 Calico fish, half dozen each of Tadpoles, Jap Snails, Black Ramshorn, 2 Clams and a pair of American Salamanders, with shipping can. **\$ 5.00**

A bargain (value \$7.) for



Hyacinth, Poppy, Taro and Spiral Palm

OTHER AQUATIC PLANTS NEEDED IN THE GARDEN

JUST as the queen is surrounded by a court of beautiful, adoring subjects, so the Waterlily should be provided with a harmonious background. For the Waterlily—stately, colorful—is the true queen of the water garden. Her flower subjects should contribute grace and color to the royal setting.

The aquatics, which prove this background, are not difficult to grow. Many fine aquatics grow and bloom by merely floating on the water, deriving nourishment from air and water. These do not need soil or the sides of a pool to which to cling. Still others, growing under the water, will either absorb the impurities in your pool, or release oxygen to destroy them. These submerged or oxygenating plants are indispensable when fish are present, for they provide a perfect balance for the animal life.

We list below only a few of the many varieties.

FLOATING PLANTS



DUCK WEED. (*Lemna minor*). Appears as a series of green polka dots on the surface. The small roots are much appreciated by goldfish. Large portion, 50c.

SHELL FLOWER or WATER LETTUCE. (*Pistia stratiotes*). A hardy annual resembling the water fern in form but with mottled leaves and small white flowers. 50c for 2; \$2. per doz.

WATER HYACINTH (*Eichhornia crassipes major*.) Shiny dark green leaves, the stems of which are expanded into pseudo bulbs, which serve as air chambers. The orchid-like flowers of lavender form a pike like that of the true hyacinth. 50c for 3; \$1.50 per doz.

Collection, No. 26, of 5 varieties of Floating
Plants for a small pool \$1.00.

SHALLOW WATER PLANTS



FLOATING HEART. (*Nymphoides peltatum*). This plant has leaves like the nymphaeas and produces brilliant yellow flowers quite freely. It is hardy and will do well in water or on the border. \$1. per doz.

GIANT ARROWHEAD (*Sagittaria Sagittifolia*). Distinctive leaves shaped as name indicates and standing 1 to 3 feet above water. Flowers freely in a series of white spikes. Hardy. \$1. for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

PARROT FEATHER (*Myriophyllum proserpinacoides*). Quite successful when planted in a tub or water-tight hanging basket. The growth soon goes over the edges in the form of long trailing stems. Hardy. 50c for 3; \$1.50 per doz.

PICKEREL RUSH (*Pontederia cordata*). The blue flowers of this plant are produced freely. The total growth is about 2 feet. Hardy. 50c for 2; \$2.50 per doz.

PRIMROSE CREEPER (*Jussiaea Repens*). A rapid growing partially submerged vine with waxy green leaves and a profusion of bright, yellow flowers. Thrives in sun or shade. Hardy. 50c for 3; \$1.50 per doz.

VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG (*Acorus Calamus* Var.). A fine hardy plant with saber-like leaves broadly striped green and ivory. Grows about two feet high and is excellent for group planting. \$1. for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

WATER POPPY (*Hydrocleis nymphoides*). The leaves float upon the surface of the water. Flowers are large and yellow, similar to the poppy. It is in flower almost continuously. 50c for 3; \$1.50 per doz.

Collection, No. 28, 5 Shallow Water Plants, \$1.00.

SUBMERGED or OXYGENATING PLANTS for Pools and Aquariums

CABOMBA. Glossy green leaves like small fans. Stems red or green. 3 bunches 50c.

COONTAIL. Branches and leaves resemble those of a spruce tree; color light green. 3 bunches 50c.

LUDWIGIA. Foliage green on upper side and pink underneath. 3 bunches 50c.

MYRIOPHYLLUM. Fine, needle-like, green leaves in bushy formation, giving the appearance of plumes. A favorite for spawning purposes. 15c each; \$1.50 per doz.

Oxygenating Plants for a small pool.

20 plants (5 varieties) \$2.00.

(Order Collection No. 27)

BOG PLANTS



Marsh or bog plants want wet feet. You will find them growing just at the edge of a pond. In a concrete pool you may have a ledge or box of soil partially immersed, or you may prefer to put individual plants in flower pots set so that the soil comes above the water level.

FORGET-ME-NOT (*Myosotis scorpiodes*). Small blue flowers with golden centers; will grow equally well in water or on the border. Hardy. \$1. for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

MARSH MARIGOLD (*Caltha palustris*). Clusters of large butter-cup-like flowers of brilliant yellow, early in spring. Hardy. \$1.00 for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

PAPYRUS or EGYPTIAN PAPER PLANT. The stalks are triangular and attain a height of 5 to 8 feet. At the top is a tuft of long, thread-like leaves which give a novel appearance. \$1. for 3; \$3. per doz.

YELLOW FLAG (*Iris Pseudacorus*). A tall, sword-like plant bearing broad yellow flowers of the Japan Iris type. \$1. for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

UMBRELLA SEDGE (*Cyperus alternifolius*). Grows well either in small pools or moist ground. \$1. for 3; \$2.50 per doz.

Collection, No. 29, of Bog Plants
3 varieties \$1.00.

TUB GARDENS



A TUB may seem but a humble beginning for a garden of Waterlilies, but many a successful grower of water plants starts his collection in this easy, economical way. You will be astonished at the number of plants a tub or half a

barrel will accommodate, and you will be gratified at the results. Tub gardens are popular, and they furnish an excellent medium for interesting a child in the culture of water plants. Hardy or tender varieties may be grown in the tub garden.

COMBINATION COLLECTIONS *for the* TUB GARDEN

Any one lily combined with one of the five groups of aquatics or rock plants will be sent for the price above the lily selected.

\$3

Dentata—White
Carnea—Pink
M. Albida—White
Dauben—Blue
Mary—Pink
Odorata Minor—White

\$5

Gracillis Rubra—Red
Mrs. Pring—White
Morning Glory—Shell Pink
Panama Pacific—Purple
Chrysantha—Orange
Mrs. Whitaker—Blue
Gen. Pershing—Pink

\$4

Independence—Pink
Pennsylvania—Blue
Juno—White
Pink Opal—Pink
Independence—Blue
Aurora—Orange
Rubra Rosea—Crimson
Chromatella—Yellow
Mrs. Wilson—Blue
Egyptian Lotus—Pink

\$6

Gloriosa—Red
Paul Hariot—Orange
Formosa—Pink



Everyone loves a pool



Collections of Aquatic Plants

To be sent with one of the Waterlilies for the price indicated.

No. 1. Spiral Palm, Var. Sweet Flag, Ludwigia, Myriophyllum, Azolla, Snowflake, Clover, Parrot Feather and 6 Black Rams-horn Snails.

No. 2. Umbrella Plant, Forget-me-not, Vallisneria, Coontail, Salvinia, Shellflower, Parrot Feather, Poppy and a pair of Japanese Snails.

No. 3. Egyptian Paper Plant, Giant Arrowhead, Duckweed, Hyacinth, Sagittaria, Cabomba, Parrot Feather, Floating Heart and a pair of Japanese Snails.

Collections of rock plants suitable for the border of a tub garden especially when a small rockery has been built around the edge of the tub.

No. 5. 2 Phlox subulata, 3 Sempervivums, 2 Sedums, 1 Cat-mint, 1 Cerastium, 1 Plumbago, 2 Volas, 12 plants (7 varieties). \$3.

No. 6. 2 Forget-me-not, 1 Harebell, 2 Sedums, 1 Japanese Pink, 3 Sempervivums, 2 Dianthus Deltoides, 1 Arbis. 12 plants (7 varieties). \$3.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

INTERESTING BOOKS

The true water gardener will wish to know more about the plants and fish that he finds attractive, and realizes that this booklet is but an introduction to a fascinating hobby. We are glad to recommend the following books which have been written by the best authorities in this country.

THE WATER GARDEN, By Peter Bisset, is an excellent work dealing with the culture of waterlilies and other aquatic plants, as well as the arrangement of perennials, shrubs, and evergreens for the borders and backgrounds of pools. 210 pages of interesting text profusely illustrated. \$5. a copy.

GOLDFISH VARIETIES AND TROPICAL AQUARIUM FISHES, By W. T. Innes, former president of the Philadelphia Aquarium Society. Like the former book, this is the only modern work in English that covers its subjects comprehensively, dealing with various aquarium fish, their care, habits, breeding, diseases, and relation to aquatic plants. One chapter is devoted to the construction of aquariums and concrete pools. 275 pages with 195 illustrations. \$4. a copy.

FISHES IN THE HOME, By Ida M. Mellen of the New York Aquarium. An illustrated 50 page pamphlet describing the care of goldfish, native fish, and tropicals in aquariums and, in fact, all the essentials to be observed by the amateur aquarist. 75c a copy.



FANCY FISH

IT IS difficult to think of a pool, deep, clear and sparkling, without a few goldfish flashing through the water. The culture of ornamental fishes has become highly popular. The fish are not only a beautiful note of color in your pool—they are little care, other than feeding, and with a number of aquatic plants in your pool, you have all the attributes of a natural pond. When such a balance of animal and plant life is obtained it is never necessary to change the water.

We have many beautiful and brilliant varieties of ornamental fishes to offer—varieties collected from all parts of the world over a period of many years. Some are excellent for pools, while others are most valuable for the indoor aquariums.

GOLD FISHES

They may be wintered outside in natural ponds, but when in pools free from soil and plant roots, care should be taken to break the ice frequently so that the water does not become foul from lack of aeration. A glass aquarium is an excellent investment as it permits you to enjoy the beauty of the fish all winter; but if mere storage is desired, a tub in the basement will do nicely, changing the water when necessary or providing a continual drip from a faucet. There is no set rule for changing water except that when the fish gasp for air at the top it is evident that they are in distress and need at least a part of the water renewed.

The fish should be fed daily with dried shrimp, providing not more than will be eaten in fifteen minutes. Goldfish can be shipped at any season of the year. A flat charge of 50 cts. over and above the price of the fish is made for the shipping-can.

GIANT GOLDFISH. These large fish which are 10 to 14 inches long, lend distinctive color to the pool. They may be shipped safely in large containers to all parts of the country. Selected breeders, \$5. per pair; \$25. per doz.

COMMON GOLDFISH. A general assortment from 3 to 6 inches long, \$3. per doz.; \$20. per 100.

CALICO FISH, or SHUBUNKINS. Beautifully mottled with blue, red, gold, black, brown, and white. \$2. per pair.

TROPICAL FISHES

These fish are small and active, which makes them desirable for exterminating mosquitoes. They do best when the temperature of the water remains above 60 degrees, and in a well-balanced aquarium will thrive without change of water and practically no care other than feeding. Shipped only in warm weather.

CHINESE WALKING FISH. From 6 to 10 inches long, and colored a rich dark olive-brown with silvery dots. They will remain out of the water for quite a long period and will "walk" on land. \$5. per pair.

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BLUE MOONS, RED MOONS, AND GOLD MOONS. A species marked with glistening blue, deep red, and gold lines. Some specimens have a dark band at the base of the tail. All species, \$2. per pair; \$8. per doz.

RAINBOW FISH, or GUPPY. From 1 to 2 inches long, marked with dots and splashes of many hues. \$1. per pair; \$4.50 per doz.

MEXICAN SWORDTAILS. About 3 inches long, and an ideal aquarium fish that may be kept in small outside pools in warm weather. \$3. per pair; \$12. per doz.

PARADISE FISH. These are 3 to 4 inches long and brilliantly colored, with vertical bars of many shades. \$3. per pair \$12. per doz.

Collections of Tropical Fish

Realizing that the true fish fan is never satisfied with one or two varieties of these interesting tropicals, we are making it easy to get a small collection at one time. With each collection we send a copy of the descriptive pamphlet, "Fishes in the Home".



HAPPY FAMILY COLLECTION: One pair each of 7 varieties of tropical fish that will live together peacefully in small aquaria as well as in pools. 14 fish and booklet, for \$12. Shipping can 50c extra.

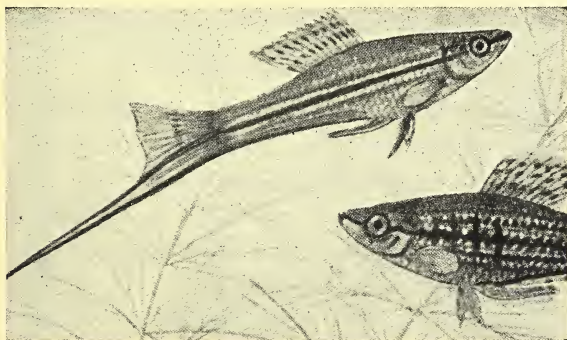
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These include African Snails and Black Ramshorn Snails at \$1. per doz. The Red Ramshorn Snails are 50 cts. per pair, \$2.50 per doz., while the Japanese Snails are 50 cts. per pair and \$2. per doz.

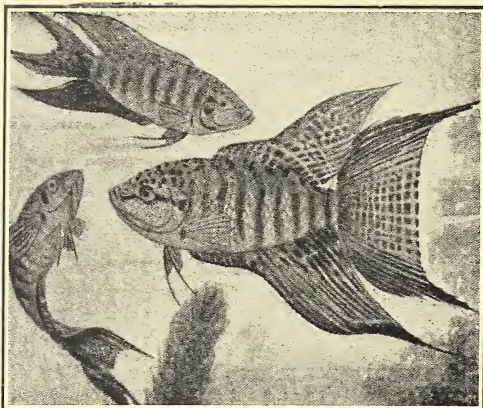
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Half dozen each of Tadpoles, Jap Snails, Black Ramshorn, two Clams and a pair of American Salamanders, with shipping can **\$ 2.00**



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